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STATE FOR S/SN AND EA/TIMBS FROM REGIONAL NARCOTICS
COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: US/ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MEETING

REF: (A) MANILA 11097 (NOTAC) (B) MANILA 10431
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1. REGIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATOR HAD OPPORTUNITY DURING
ATTENDANCE (JULY 10-12) AT COLOMBO PLAN/ONCB NATIONAL
WORKSHOP ON DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION IN PATTAYA TO DISCUSS
PROPOSED ASEAN DRUG EDUCATION PROJECT WITH MRS. AURORA S.
CUDAL OF THE PHILIPPINE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD, COLOMBO
PLAN DRUG ADVISOR PIO A. ABARRO AND A NUMBER OF KEY THAI
OFFICIALS AND SPECIALISTS. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS
AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT,
A REVUSED US TALKING PAPER ON THIS PROPOSAL
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FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH (2).

2. ASEAN PROJECT ON PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION FOR
TEACHER EDUCATORS AND CURRICULUM DESIGNERS.
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL IS AN IMPORTANT
PART OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND A KEY ELEMENT IN US
RELATIONS WITHSOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLEGAL HEROIN FOR EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, WE WELCOME THE INTEREST OF THE ASEAN STATES IN TACKLING THIS PROBLEM ACROSS ITS SPECTRUM FROM SUPPLY REDUCTION TO ENFORCEMENT TO DEMAND REDUCTION. IN THE UNITED STATES WE RECOGNIZE THAT PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF ANY LONG-TERM NARCOTIC CONTROL STRATEGY. WE HAVE STUDIED THE ASEAN DRUG EDUCATION PROPOSAL AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AS PART OF US/ASEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION DURING USG FISCAL YEAR 1979, SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THROUGH ITS INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BY OTHER USG AGENCIES.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS: THE UNITED STATES WOULD PREFER TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL FOR ONE YEAR AS A PILOT PROJECT WITH AN EVALUATION PHASE AT ITS COMPLETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM. TO THIS END WE BELIEVE THE EVALUATION PROCEDURES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN MORE DETAIL. THE UNITED STATES WOULD ALSO WISH TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND AS NECESSARY, ASSIST WITH PROJECT EVALUATION. THE UNITED STATES ASSUMES THAT THIS PROJECT HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL 5 ASEAN COUNTRIES AND CONCERNED GOVERNMENT ORGAN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IZATIONS. WE HOPE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATING BODIES AND THE EDUCATIONAL SECTOR. THE CRITERIA WHICH HAVE BEEN USED IN THE 1974 AND 1978 NATIONAL WORKSHOPS ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES & THAILAND WOULD SEEM A GOOD BASIS FOR SELECTING PARTICIPANTS. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE LEADERS AND INSTRUCTORS FOR THE PROJECT SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERTS FROM THE OTHER ASEAN STATES, AS WELL AS FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

UNDER US GOVERNMENT FUNDING PROCEDURES WE CANNOT SUBMIT A PROJECT WITH A CONTINGENCY FUND. WE ALSO WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY JUSTIFYING A VEHICLE TO BE USED FOR FIELD TRIPS. IF NO OFFICIAL VEHICLE WERE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, RENTAL WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE.

SUGGESTED ACTION. IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL FURTHER, WE BELIEVE THE ASEAN SIDE SHOULD DEVELOP A MORE DETAILED EVALUATION PHASE FOR THE PROJECT AND PREPARE A NEW BUDGET. WE ARE READY TO CONSULT AND ASSIST IN THE PROCESS AS REQUIRED.

3. FOR MANILA: MRS. CUDAL URGED THAT COORDINATOR SHOULD REQUEST A CALL ON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD. SHE INDICATED THIS WOULD BE PERCEIVED AS APPROPRIATE COURTESY TO THE CHAIRMEN,WHO WOULD DECLINE IF TO BUSY OR IF NOT APPROPRIATE.

4. AFTER ARRIVAL IN THAILAND, COORDINATOR INFORMALLY RAISED SUBJECT OF US/ASEAN MEETINGS IN MANILA AND WASHINGTON WITH ONCB OFFICIALS. ONCB WAS NOT AWARE OF MANILA MEETING, NOR HAD THEY BEEN INFORMED OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AGENDA ITEM FOR WASHINGTON MEETING. ONCB WILL NOW SEND MR. ANONG TERMPANGPUN, CHIEF OF THE ONCB FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION TO MANILA. ATTENDANCE AT WASHINGTON MEETING HAS NOT BEEN WARKED OUT, BUT IT IS POSSIBL ONCB WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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